

In re Application of GEIDL et al.  
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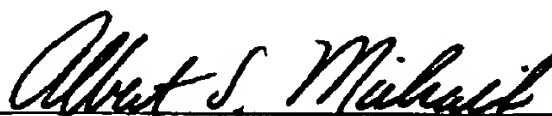
### REMARKS

Applicants have provisionally elected Group I for examination. However, applicants disagree with the restriction requirement, and hereby traverse.

More particularly, the Office action has characterized Group I (claims 1-11 and 29-43) as being "drawn to recognition of handwritten information." Independent claims 1 and 29 do not recite and are not directed to the recognition of handwritten information, as understood in the traditional sense and consistent with class 382, subclass 187. Instead, claims 1 and 29 are independent of handwriting recognition; rendering a representation of electronic ink (see e.g., FIG. 7) does not necessitate, explicitly or implicitly, that the rendered representation corresponds to electronic ink that has been recognized or even ever will be recognized. For at least these reasons, the restriction requirement is improper, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (425) 836-3030.

Respectfully submitted,



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